REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1-23 and 50-77 will be pending and claims 24-49 are cancelled.

Claim 1 (and those dependent thereon) have been amended to incorporate the term "packaging," similar to allowable claims 50-55. Accordingly, it is submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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